

# City of Edmonds Municipal Court

## DEFERRAL REQUEST BY EMAIL

### YOU MUST CHECK THE BOX BELOW:

☐ I request a deferred finding. If I do not qualify for a deferred finding, I understand the judge will consider my written statement as a request for mitigation (unless the infraction is not eligible by law).

If you have not had a deferred infraction on a citation in the last seven (7) years, you **may** qualify for a deferred finding. If you pay the **\$140.00** administrative fee and have no new violations at the conclusion of the deferral period, your infraction will be dismissed. However, if you do not qualify for a deferred finding, the judge will not dismiss your ticket but may mitigate the penalty if you are eligible. This will result in a committed finding and the violation will appear on your driving record.

**WHO QUALIFIES FOR A DEFERRED INFRACTION?** A deferred finding may be an option if the below conditions are met:

- ❖ **You do not have a commercial driver's license**
- ❖ **You were not granted a similar deferral within the past seven (7) years** in the State of Washington. A person can obtain a deferral on one moving violation AND one non-moving violation every seven years. (i.e. person obtained a deferral on a moving traffic infraction last year, but requests a deferral for a current non-moving traffic infraction. Allowed, if defendant did not have a deferral for a non-moving traffic infraction within the past seven years.)
- ❖ **You do not have a conviction for DUI, Reckless Driving, or Negligent Driving in the past five (5) years**
- ❖ **Your infraction did not involve an accident where there was damage and/or injuries.**
- ❖ **Your infraction is not for the following charges**
  - **Negligent Driving 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**
  - **No Proof of Insurance**
  - **No Valid Operator's License 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**
  - **Speeding in a school zone (by law, penalty cannot be reduced)**
  - **Speeding in a construction zone (by law, penalty cannot be reduced)**
  - **Passing school bus (by law, penalty cannot be reduced)**
  - **Speeding 20 MPH or more over the speed limit**
  - **Failure to initially register a vehicle**

**THE RULES OF AN INFRACTION DEFERRAL:** If you have no new moving or non-moving violations during the deferral period, your case will be dismissed and not reported to the Department of Licensing (DOL). In other words, your record will not reflect this infraction. The deferral period starts once you sign the order of deferral and ends the date you are required to pay the **non-refundable court processing fee \$140.** You are eligible for a deferred finding once every seven years for a moving violation and once every seven years for a non-moving violation. If you have a new traffic infraction during the deferral period, that violates the deferral contract. Your infraction will be found committed, reported to the DOL, and you must pay the full amount of the traffic infraction penalty in addition to the \$140 fee.

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